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**His Last Will and Testament.**—Over in the mosquito country an old farmer died. He was reputed to be rich. After his death, however, it was found that he died penniless. His will was very brief. It ran as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen. There's only one thing I leave. I leave the earth. My relatives have always wanted that. They can have it."—Lippincott's.

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**Inside Information.**—A story is told of the late John L. Toole, the comedian, and Mr. Justice Hawkins, now Lord Brampton. They were at supper together discussing the events of the day. The judge incidentally mentioned that he intended, on the morrow, giving the man he had been trying, fifteen years, because he deserved it. As Toole was leaving he blandly inquired: "Oh, would you mind my calling at the newspaper offices and telling them about that fifteen years? It will be a tip for them—exclusive information, you know—and will do me no end of good with the press." "Good God! No, sir," exclaimed the judge, who took the precaution of accompanying Toole to his hotel and seeing him safely to bed.—Cent. Law Journal.

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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Law of Torts.** By Melville Madison Bigelow, Ph. D. Harvard, 8th Edition. Little, Brown & Co., Boston. Price, \$3.00.

When a law book reaches eight editions it seems almost like a work of supererogation to review it, but this book of Mr. Bigelow's in its last guise is such an excellent statement of the Law of Torts brought up to date, that we feel it necessary to give it more than passing notice. With the first edition it won its place amongst the new books which to the student of law are almost essential. Written in the concise, yet clear and able manner, it soon rendered itself valuable not only to the student but to the general practitioner who wished to review the law on the subject in the quickest and clearest way. The eighth edition brings up the law to date. It treats the subject from several new points of view, rewriting chapters where necessary and carefully annotating where annotations were necessary. We can commend the book as not only pleasantly written from a literary standpoint, but of distinct value to those who wish to acquaint themselves with the Law of Torts from a social and logical standpoint.

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**Cyclopedia of Law and Procedure.** William Mack, editor-in-chief. Vols. XXIV and XXV. The American Law Book Company. 1907.

With each succeeding volume this series becomes more and more valuable. The only complaint we have ever heard against this series is one which can not be avoided, namely, that there are so many subjects yet untreated. It should be said, however, that the publishers are issuing the work with reasonable promptness and it